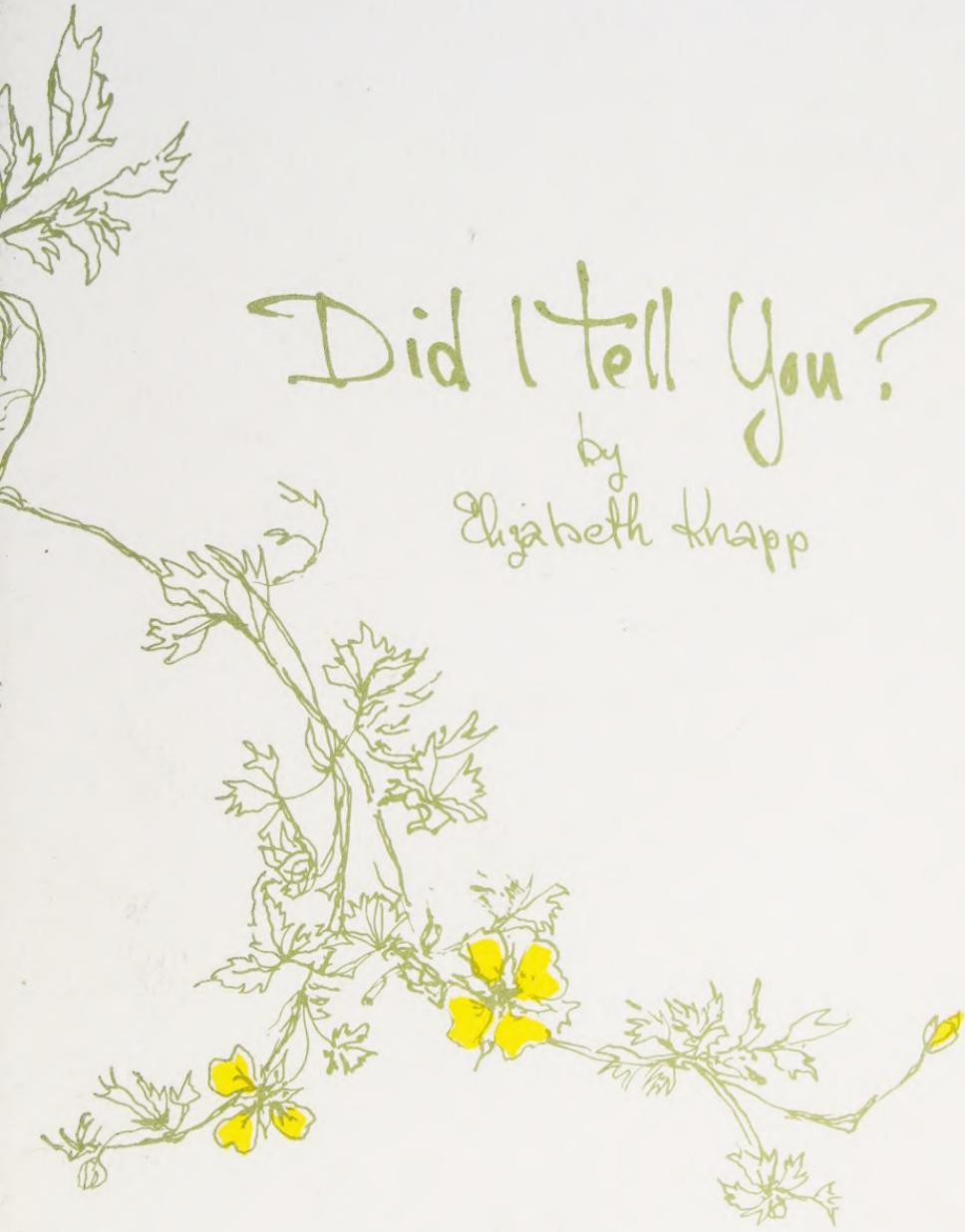


Did I Tell You?

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Did I tell you?

a message to a daughter
as she is almost grown-

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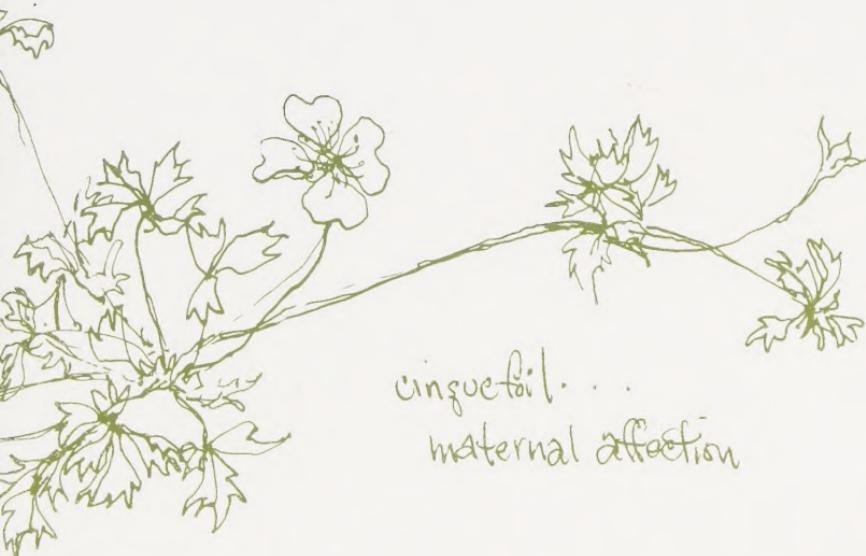
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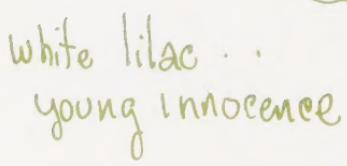


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For all who have wondered . . .
Did I tell you?



cincquefoil . . .
maternal affection



white lilac . . .
young innocence

Now that you are
almost grown I look back
and ask myself

Did I tell you?

Did I tell you all that I
meant to tell you, all that
I felt was important.

Did I tell you or was it
lost in the shuffle of our
everyday lives. The busy
full days when we taught
and didn't know it.

What did we teach? Was
it strong? Was it good?
Will it root you in something
real that will allow you
to grow with a firm and
sound foundation?

Did I tell you . . .

Did I tell you
to love, not with
a fair weather
love, but with a
love that accepts
and cherishes
unconditionally.
Love not with a
quick and passing
love, but with a
love that is a
quiet peace within
your heart.





Wild pansy . . .
thoughtfulness



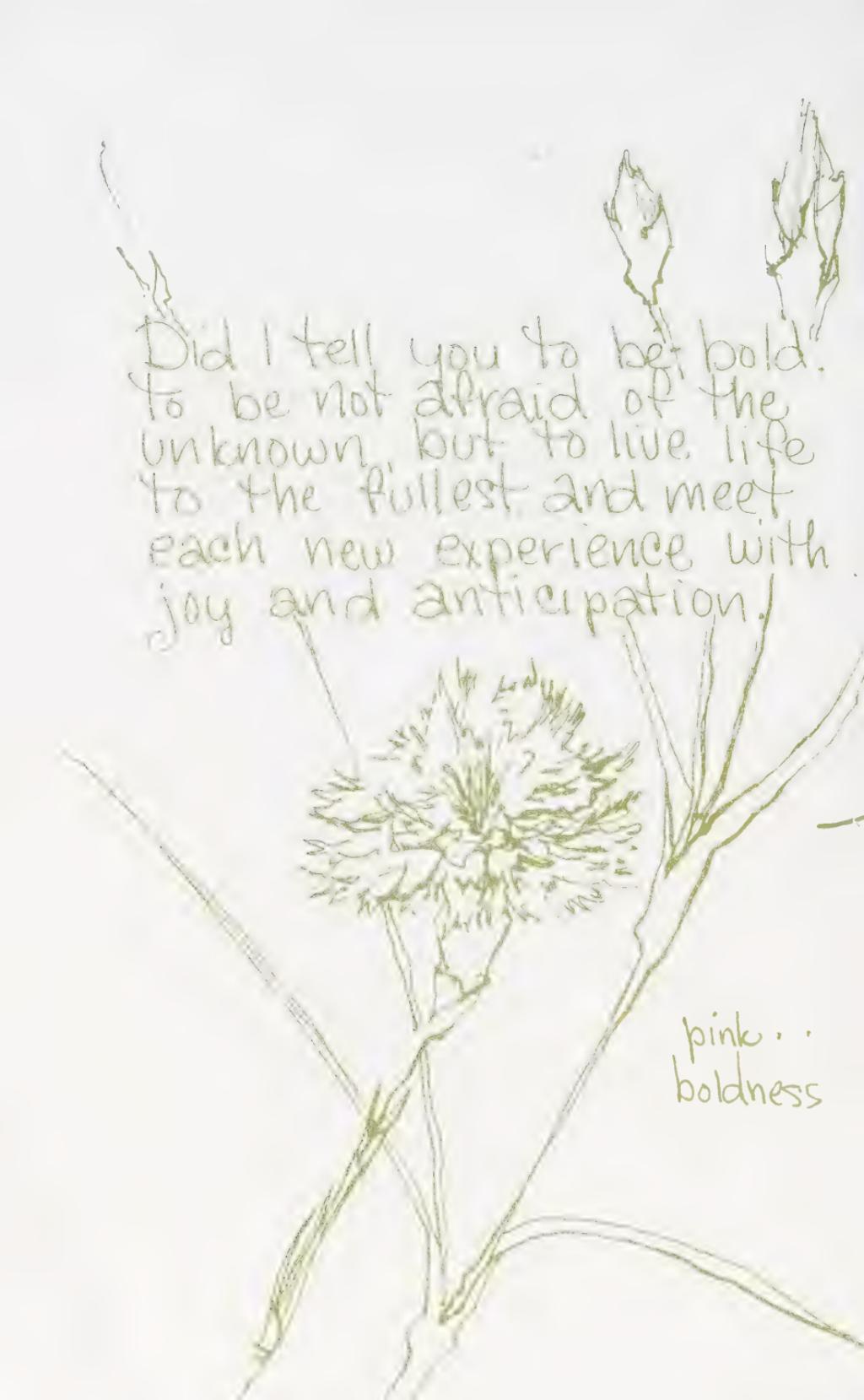
Did I tell you
to be thoughtful.
Not to be a martyr
or doormat to be
trod upon, but to
be aware of other
people and their
needs. To meet others
with awareness and
within your own
framework be able to
meet them halfway
and on occasion
go the other half
joyfully.



Did I tell you
to be courteous
not to display
empty manners
with no meaning
but to live the
courtesy born of
caring. And to
express this caring
through the small
formalities and
customs born of
the years.



Sweet William -
Country



Did I tell you to be bold,
to be not afraid of the
unknown, but to live life
to the fullest and meet
each new experience with
joy and anticipation.

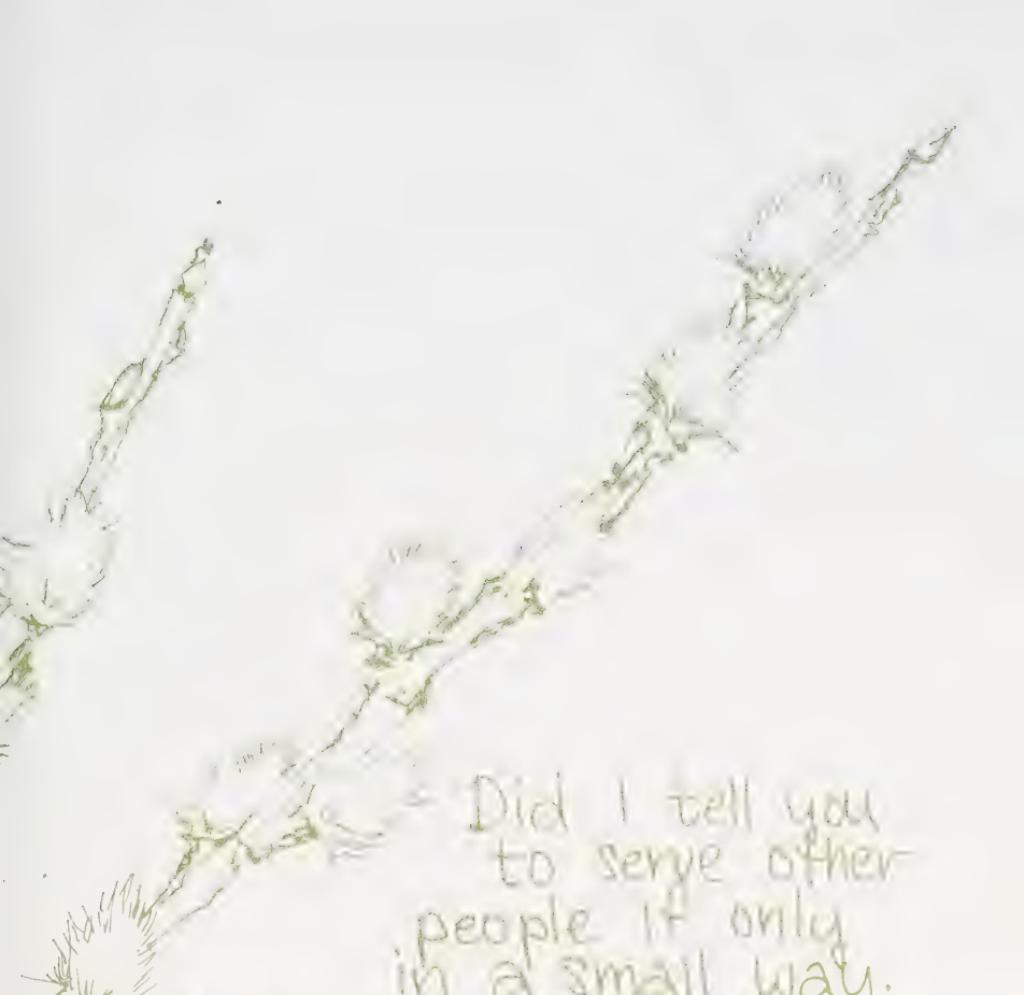
pink . . .
boldness



And did I tell you to be
cautious. To temper your
daring and sense of adventure
with good judgment and
consideration.

willow . . .
humanity





Did I tell you
to serve other
people if only
in a small way.

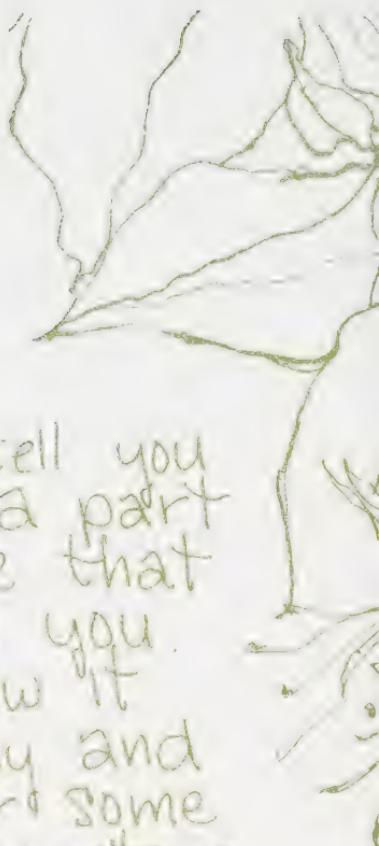
There is growth and
satisfaction in being
part of something
larger than yourself
and your life will be
richer for knowing this.

nasturtium
petriotism

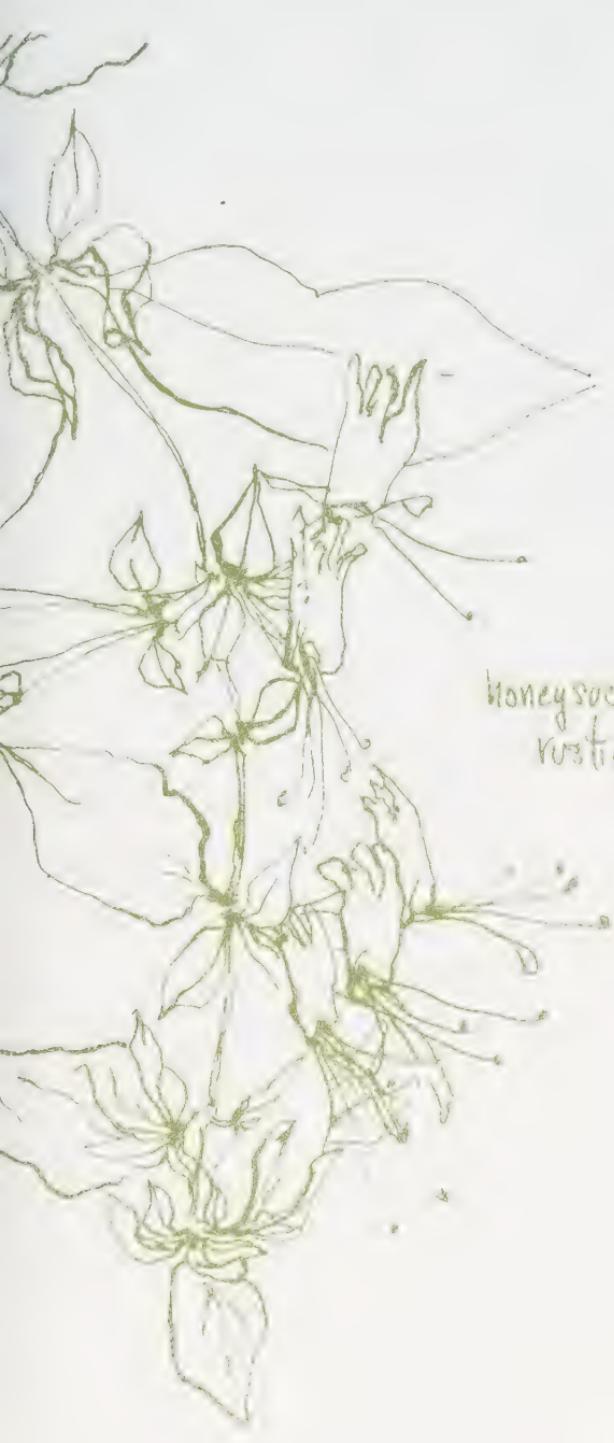




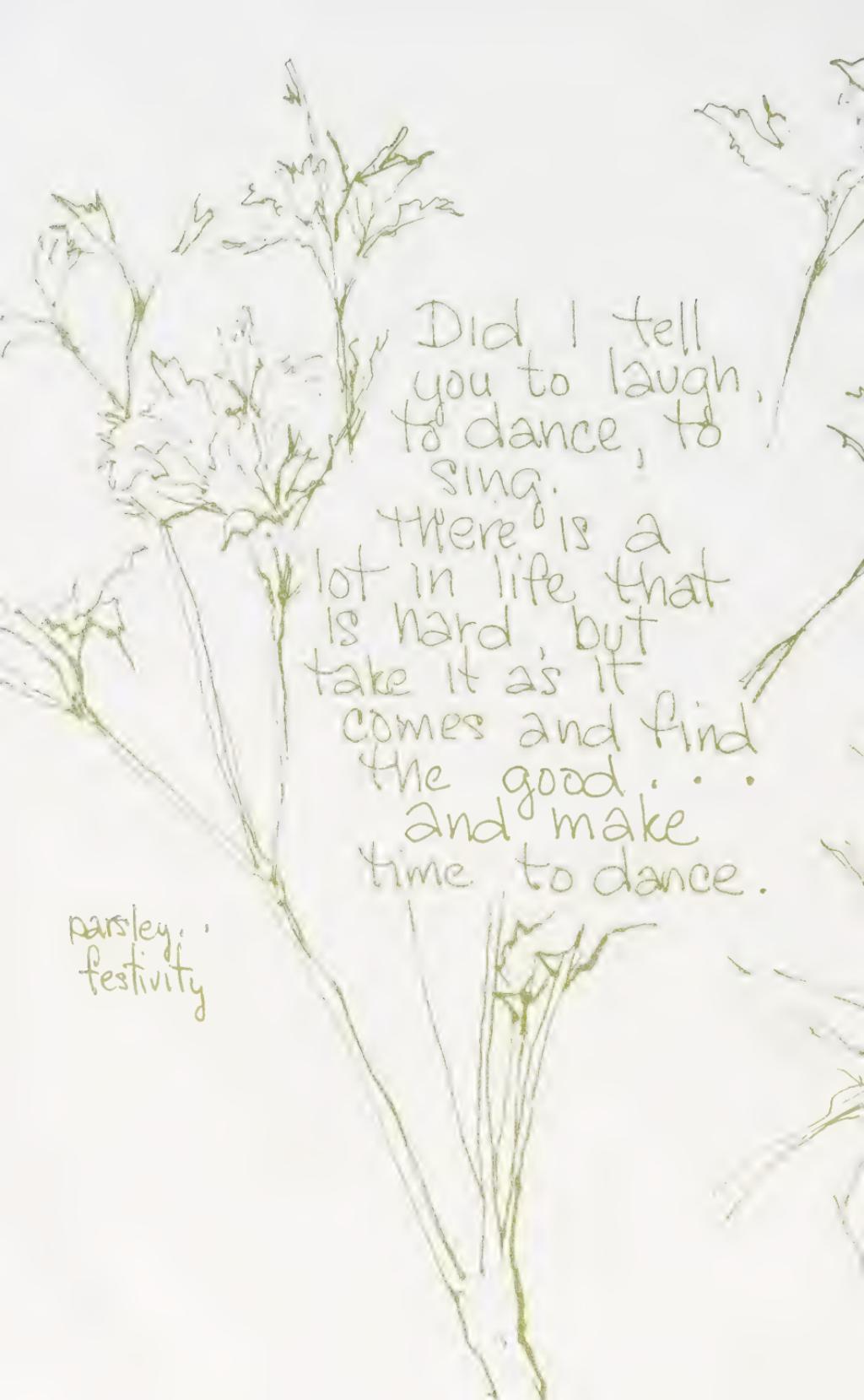
Did I tell you to maintain a sense of the past. To recall and uphold all that is best and meaningful in our Country and in our Society. But never be afraid to speak out where you don't believe or where there is room for improvement. Work for what you believe, but work in a positive way within a structure of order and reason.



Did I tell you
to find a part
of Nature that
speaks to you.
Then know it
intimately and
well. For some
it is a mountain
peak, for some
a windswept
beach. Find your
own and in it
find your restoration.



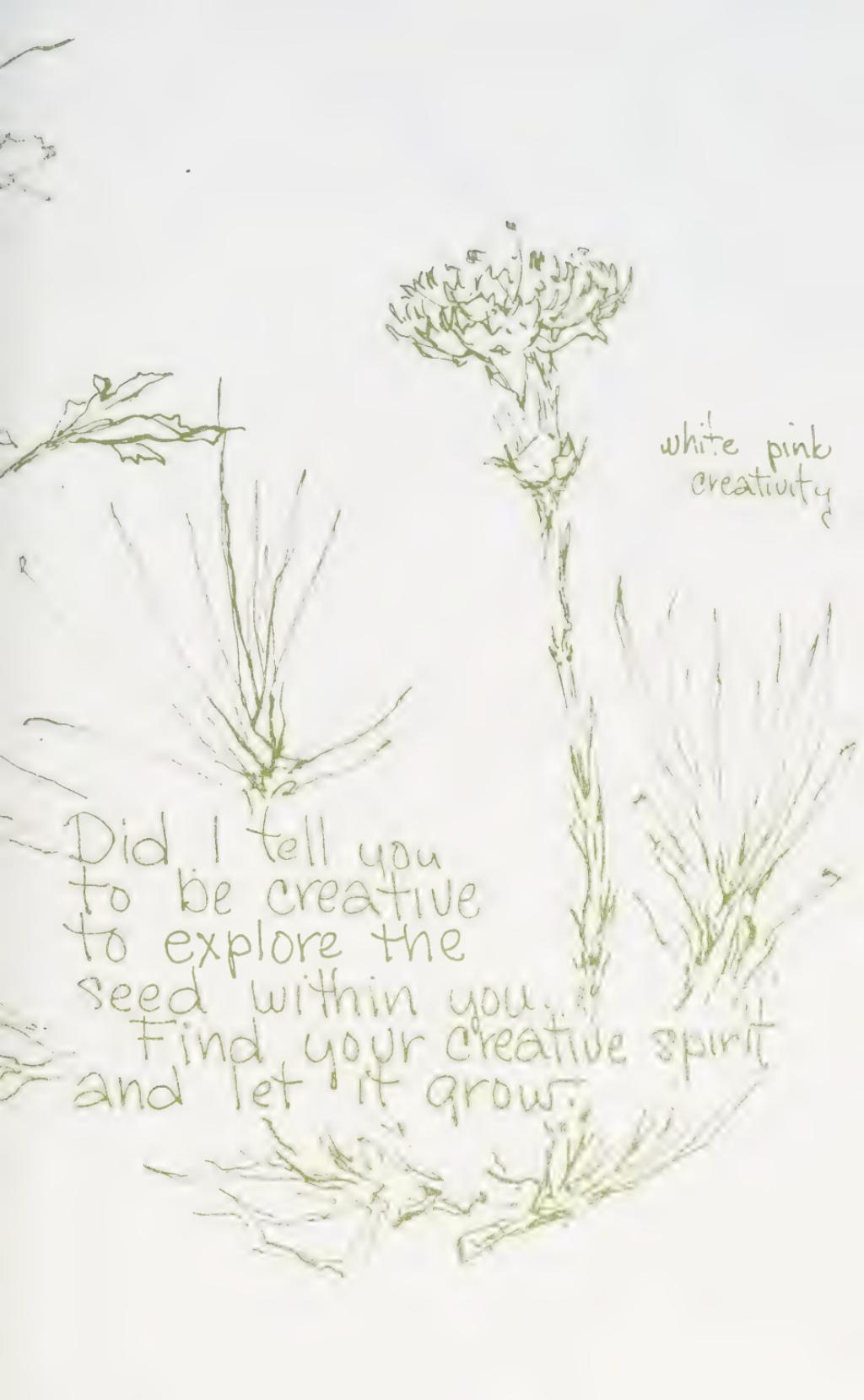
honeysuckle
rustic beauty



Did I tell
you to laugh,
to dance, to
sing.

There is a
lot in life that
is hard, but
take it as it
comes and find
the good . . .
and make
time to dance.

parsley . . .
festivity



white pink
creativity

Did I tell you
to be creative
to explore the
seed within you.

Find your creative spirit
and let it grow.



Wood sorrel.

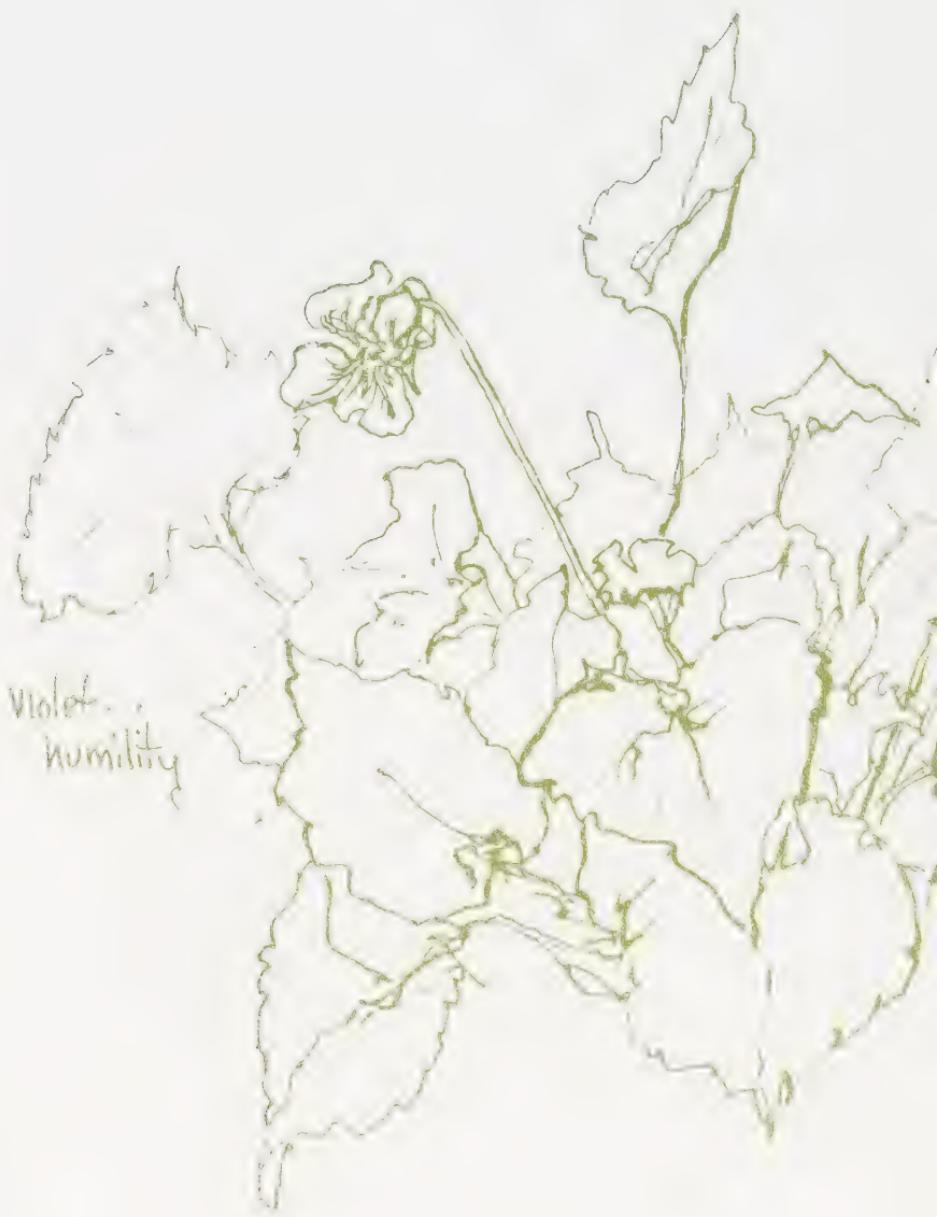
Joey

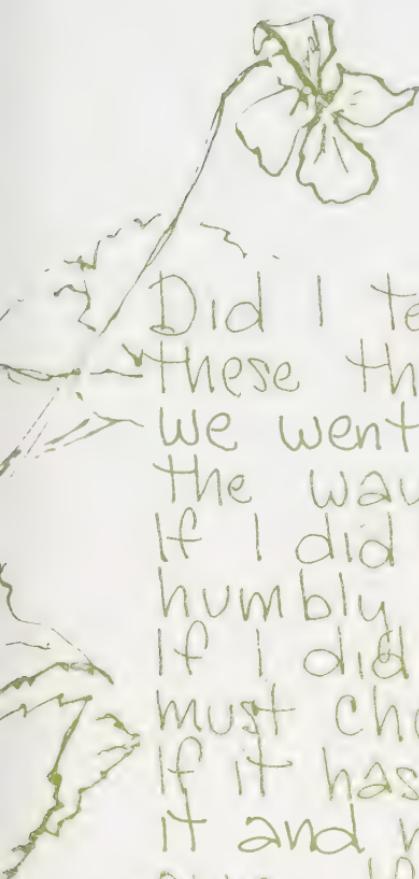
And did I tell you the joy
and challenge of being a
woman.

the joy of having a child. . .
knowing and sharing a new
life.

The joy of making a home. . .
the center but not the
limit for the lives of those
you love.

The joy of exploring a third
dimension
a world of your own
discovering and fulfilling
your own capabilities.





Did I tell you
these things as
we went along
the way?

If I did I am
humbly grateful.

If I did not then you
must choose for yourself.
If it has meaning accept
it and make it your
own. If it does not,
discard it. Your life is
yours to build as you
choose.

And did I tell you . . .

I hope it will be a good life



Almond
hope



cinquefoil